aggression but also internal disturbance and to ensure that the Government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. In the discharge of this duty, the Central Government is expected to keep itself posted with respect to goings-on in all States. Visits of Central officials to the States are part of this process. The Central and State Governments have all along been interacting on issues relating to law and order.

Power Plant for Cochin Refinery

*419. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plant proposal for the Cochin Refinery is still pending;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in issuing clearance to the project; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the delay in clearing the project will escalate the cost and affect the power supply to the refinery?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the 500 MW power plant proposed to be set up by Cochin Refineries Ltd. at Ambalamugal, Kerala has not yet been submitted to the Central Electricity Authority for consideration of issue of Techno-economic Clearance. Scrutiny of the DPR could commence only after the same is submitted.

Cheating of Foreign Tourists

*420. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi edition, dated the 27th June, 1998, under the caption "Another foreign tourist taken for a ride"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A German lady, Ms. H. Hahn, on her arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi on 24th June, 1998 is alleged to have been cheated/harassed at the bank and taxi counters within the terminal building and later at a hotel in Cannaught Place. However, she left Delhi on 27th June, 1998 without making any complaint to the police about her alleged ordeal. The incident was reported in the newspaper on the same day and, therefore, the complainant could not be contacted.

The records of the Punjab National Bank counter at the airport were checked but these did not indicate any transaction made by Ms. Hahn at the bank. Delhi Police have, however, requested the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Airport Director to take suitable action against Nitin Transport. They have also issued a show cause notice to the proprietor of Bright Hotel regarding alleged cheating of Ms. Hahn.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

हथियारों की खरीद के लिए अग्रिम भुगतान

3059. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय की लापरवाही के कारण हथियारों की खरीद के लिए अग्रिम भुगतान किया जाता है और फिर अनेक वर्षों तक इन हथियारों को नहीं खरीदा जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे कितने मामलों का पता लगाया गया है और उनमें अन्तर्ग्रस्त राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि मंत्री स्तर पर आपत्तियां उठाए जाने के बावजूद कभी-कभी इस प्रकार के समझौते किए जाते हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के लिए कैन्टीन सुविधाएं

3060. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में जिले-वार भूतपूर्व सैनिकों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उनमें से कितने भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को जिले-वार स्थायी और चल कैन्टीनों की सुविधा उपलब्ध है;

(ग) इस क्षेत्र को जलपान गृह सुविधा कहां से उपलब्ध कराई जाती है तथा प्रत्येक जिले में कितने दिनों तक यह सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जाती है; और

(घ) सभी जरूरतमंद भूतपूर्व सैनिकों, विशेष-रूप से सुदूर आदिवासी अंचल में यह सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए की गई व्यवस्थाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में भूतपूर्व-सैनिकों की जिलेवार संख्या इस प्रकार है:—

जिला	भूतपूर्व सैनिकों/विधवाओं की संख्या
राजनंद गांव	96
बिलासपुर	696
बस्तर	120
रायगढ़	888
रायपुर	645
दुर्ग	676
सरगुजा	191

2. भूतपूर्व सैनिक अपने नजदीक स्थित किसी भी कैंटन से कैंटीन-सुविधाएं प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। स्थिर कैंटीन सुविधाएं बस्तर, बिलासपुर और रायपुर में उपलब्ध हैं। चल कैंटीनें महीने में एक बार दुर्ग, रायगढ़ और राजनंद गावं जाती है।

3. प्रत्येक जिले में कैंटीन सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराना संभव नहीं है क्योंकि सीमित संसाधनों और लम्बा फासला होने के कारण यह आर्थिक दृष्टि से व्यवहार्य नहीं है।

Non-nuclear War Pact with Pakistan

3061. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan through its National network telecast on 28th June, 1998 has given the news that Pakistan was planning use of nuclear weapons against India in near future with target to damage most vulnerable defence installations besides destroying important metropolitan cities of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have offered non-nuclear war pact to Government of Pakistan;

(d) whether Government propose to take up pact issue at International forum in view of (a), besides renewing it to Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government have seen media reports about some Pakistani nuclear scientists who, having defected to western countries, have revealed Pakistan Government's alleged plans for pre-emptive nuclear strikes against India. Government have also noted from these reports the many inconsistencies that have been pointed out in the account of one of these "nuclear scientists". At the same time, such reports, proven or otherwise, vindicate steps taken by the Government to create a secure deterrent against the use or threat of use of weapons of mass destruction against India. Government have closely monitored the acquisition of clandestine ballistic missile and nuclear weapons capability by Pakistan. It has also noted statements by Pakistani leaders in this regard. It has taken the requisite steps to safeguard the nations's security and will continue to exercise the utmost vigilance in this regard.

(c) Yes, Sir.